

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A covering for a utility vehicle superstructure, comprising:

a tarpaulin made of cloth and having two vertical lateral edges, said tarpaulin including a plurality of elements which are prestressed in an opening direction of the tarpaulin; and
two pivoting strips, wherein each of the two vertical lateral edges of the tarpaulin can be secured laterally by one of the pivoting strips.

Claim 2 (original): The covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the tarpaulin comprises a lower strip disposed at a lower edge of the tarpaulin defining an end of said tarpaulin.

Claim 3 (original): The covering as recited in claim 2, wherein each of the pivoting strips includes a rectangular profile and the lower strip is engaged over and secured by the rectangular profile of each pivoting strip.

Claim 4 (original): The covering as recited in claim 2, further comprising a plurality of tightening straps connected to the lower strip and arranged for stretching the tarpaulin diagonally or longitudinally.

Claim 5 (original): The covering as recited in claim 4, wherein tarpaulin includes an interior side facing an interior of the superstructure and wherein the tightening straps are fitted on the interior side.

Claim 6 (original): The covering as recited in claim 1, wherein each pivoting strip includes a guide handle.

Claim 7 (original): The covering as recited in claim 1, wherein each pivoting strip includes a locking device locking the pivoting strip in a closed position.

Claim 8 (original): The covering as recited in claim 7, wherein the locking device includes a rectangular profile, and the tarpaulin includes a weather strip, the weather strip being held by the locking device.

Claim 9 (original): The covering as recited in claim 7, wherein the pivoting strip includes a guide handle and the locking device includes a spring configured to be tensioned by a pulling of the guide handle.

Claim 10 (original): The covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the tarpaulin is configured to close a rear opening of the vehicle superstructure.

Claim 11 (original): The covering as recited in claim 10, wherein the vehicle superstructure is disposed on a loading platform of a truck, and wherein the covering is an extension of a roof tarpaulin of said truck.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A utility vehicle superstructure for a truck or a container, comprising;

a superstructure opening;

a pivoting strip disposed laterally of said superstructure opening and pivotable about a vertical axis to a holding position;

a tarpaulin for closing said superstructure opening, said tarpaulin including a plurality of resilient members prestressed in an upward direction and a first lateral tarpaulin edge configured to be held by said pivoting strip when said pivoting strip is pivoted to the holding position.

Claim 13 (original): The utility vehicle superstructure as recited in claim 12, further comprising a second lateral tarpaulin edge and a second pivoting strip disposed laterally of said superstructure for holding the second lateral tarpaulin edge.

Claim 14 (original): The utility vehicle superstructure as recited in claim 12, wherein said plurality of resilient members include spring bars arranged vertically and disposed parallel to said first lateral tarpaulin edge.

Claim 15 (original): The utility vehicle superstructure as recited in claim 12, further comprising a guide handle for operating the pivoting strip and a nose displaceable within the guide handle, wherein the guide handle includes a spring urging the nose toward a distal position, the nose being retractable by pulling the guide handle and stressing the spring.

Claim 16 (original): The utility vehicle superstructure as recited in claim 12, wherein the first lateral tarpaulin edge includes a weather strip, and wherein said weather strip is held by said pivoting strip.

Claim 17 (original): The utility vehicle superstructure as recited in claim 16, wherein said tarpaulin includes a lower strip having an extension, the extension being locked by said pivoting strip.

Claim 18 (new): The covering as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the two pivoting strips have a length substantially same as a length of a respective one of the two vertical lateral edges.

Claim 19 (new): The covering as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the two pivoting strips is configured to secure a respective one of the two vertical lateral edges along at least a portion of its extension.

Claim 20 (new): The utility vehicle superstructure as recited in claim 12, wherein the plurality of resilient members are configured to roll the tarpaulin upward along the pivoting strip.